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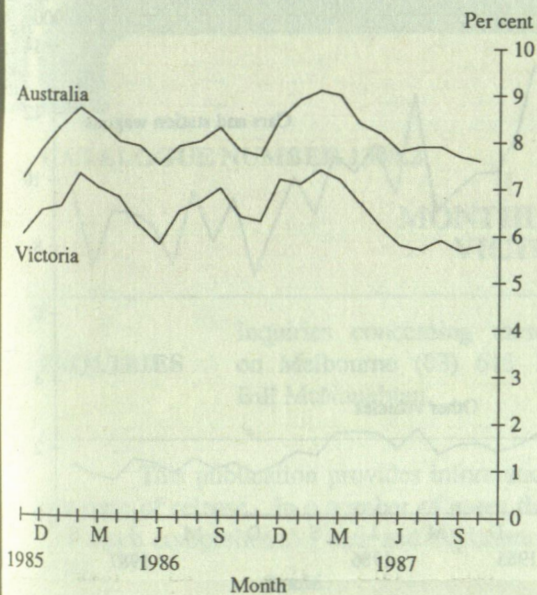
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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Oct 87	1,556.8	1,543.6	1,550.5	1,574.3	1,531.5	1.7	5,751.0	16
- total	'000	Oct 87	1,927.7	1,927.9	1,931.2	1,945.5	1,886.6	2.2	7,156.1	22
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Oct 87	90.2	86.8	92.4	93.1	101.1	-10.8	475.6	-21
- total	'000	Oct 87	119.5	116.3	122.0	118.4	128.5	-7.0	585.2	-01
Labour force	'000	Oct 87	2,047.2	2,044.2	2,053.2	2,063.9	2,015.2	1.6	7,741.3	20
Participation rate	per cent	Oct 87	62.2	62.2	62.5	62.9	62.3	-0.2	61.7	-02
Unemployment rate	per cent	Oct 87	5.8	5.7	5.9	5.7	6.4	-9.4	7.6	-26
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 87	16.5	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	27.9	56.2	156
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug 87	1.45	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	18.9	1.22	52
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	May 87	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	407.20	8.1	436.50	67
- Males	\$	May 87	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	429.70	7.9	461.70	67
- Females	\$	May 87	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	359.80	8.5	383.00	75
All employees total earnings	\$	May 87	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	374.80	5.2	387.80	58
- Males	\$	May 87	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	425.70	6.0	451.70	62
- Females	\$	May 87	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	297.10	5.0	299.00	75
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Sep qr 87	164.1	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	5.1	160.2	44
Clothing	index	Sep qr 87	158.8	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	8.8	159.1	89
Housing	index	Sep qr 87	183.4	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	7.1	172.3	74
Household equipment & operation	index	Sep qr 87	169.8	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	8.3	168.8	76
Transportation	index	Sep qr 87	174.7	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	11.4	181.9	106
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Sep qr 87	186.8	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	8.7	192.6	101
Health & personal care	index	Sep qr 87	173.4	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	14.5	163.7	142
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Sep qr 87	152.1	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	8.8	148.7	85
All groups	index	Sep qr 87	171.6	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	8.5	170.0	83
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Aug 87	1,240.7	1,312.0	1,219.6	1,261.3	1,180.6	5.1	4,696.2	59
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Aug 87	37	39	41	38	39	-5.1	155	-25
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Aug 87	331	298	279	288	295	12.2	1,168	39
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Aug 87	41,445	42,996	36,789	39,535	38,161	8.6	59,510	54
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Aug 87	3,020	3,211	2,872	3,156	3,128	-3.5	3,369	-96
Cars & station wagons	'000	Aug 87	18.4	20.2	15.4	18.9	18.5	-0.5	28.4	14
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Aug 87	960	1,150	993	967	1,036	-7.3	2,010	103
- Wool	tonnes	Aug 87	1,517	1,742	1,473	1,478	1,483	2.3	2,081	14
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Aug 87	1,661	2,012	1,420	1,698	2,042	-18.7	3,739	-37
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Aug 87	299	329	342	350	303	-1.3	913	-93
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Aug 87	7,657	7,036	8,113	7,097	7,318	4.6	16,512	88
Electricity	million kWh	Aug 87	2,981	2,919	3,005	2,896	2,713	9.9	12,075	43
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Aug 87	1,073.6	1,215.4	1,160.3	1,066.7	1,145.0	-6.2	2,967.9	-38
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Sep 87	623.2	674.9	651.7	686.4	602.0	3.5	2,963.0	-02
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Sep 87	2,499	2,250	2,399	2,269	2,580	-3.1	9,204	121
New other residential building	No.	Sep 87	504	449	392	306	457	10.3	2,375	82
Value of all building	\$m	Sep 87	398.1	572.8	402.5	396.9	350.2	13.7	1,615.2	254
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Mar qr 87	6,680	7,310	6,860	6,750	6,930	-3.6	20,830	-107
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 87	451.6	473.1	445.4	426.6	424.8	6.3	1,293.4	-26
New other residential building	No.	Mar qr 87	1,097	1,236	1,360	1,150	1,385	-20.8	6,190	-138
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 87	52.7	58.6	58.2	47.9	56.6	-6.9	271.2	-185
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qr 87	548.0	378.1	880.2	429.0	496.5	10.4	2,039.1	49
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,141.2	1,008.2	1,469.2	990.5	1,053.0	8.4	3,857.0	04
Value of work done in period	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,131.2	1,180.9	1,212.8	1,173.3	980.1	15.4	4,084.4	77
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Aug 87	110.1	109.2	108.5	108.1	103.2	6.7	109.8	64
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Aug 87	185.0	184.1	183.3	182.0	173.7	6.5	188.8	70
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Sep 87	11,247	8,640	11,078	10,713	10,682	5.3	40,672	-35
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Sep 87	9,710	7,415	9,092	9,013	8,922	8.8	33,979	24
Motor cycles	No.	Sep 87	1,537	1,225	1,086	1,700	1,760	-12.7	6,693	-253
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Sep 87	20,178	19,948	20,082	19,620	17,305	16.6	55,015	252
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Sep 87	5,352	5,189	4,980	4,956	4,131	29.6	17,446	241
Fixed deposits	\$m	Sep 87	7,573	7,766	7,968	8,045	8,406	-9.9	28,527	-30
Advances	\$m	Sep 87	14,484	13,904	13,826	14,005	12,579	15.1	45,970	95
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Sep 87	33,666	30,368	31,024	30,715	26,962	24.9	154,540	523
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Aug 87	328.1	366.8	357.8	358.0	282.7	16.1	1,233.1	277
Savings banks	\$m	Aug 87	263.1	304.9	296.2	301.2	231.5	13.7	835.1	331
Trading banks	\$m	Aug 87	18.7	22.3	21.5	19.0	20.5	-8.8	103.5	83
Permanent building societies	\$m	Aug 87	30.3	24.0	25.3	21.9	19.9	52.3	222.8	301
Other lenders	\$m	Aug 87	16.1	15.6	14.9	15.9	11.5	40.0	71.8	08
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,607	1,260	1,690	1,597	1,454	17.3	6,106	147
Finance	\$m	Jun qr 87	571	443	612	599	528	16.7	1,535	25
New building and structures	\$m	Jun qr 87	637	519	646	645	577	15.8	2,418	327
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Jun qr 87	422	295	387	430	378	43.9	1,903	180
	\$m	Jun qr 87	1,185	965	1,303	1,166	1,076	10.8	4,203	133

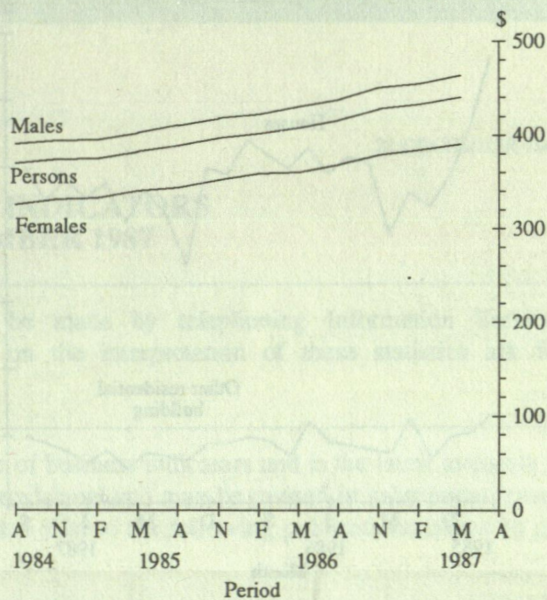
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendering only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

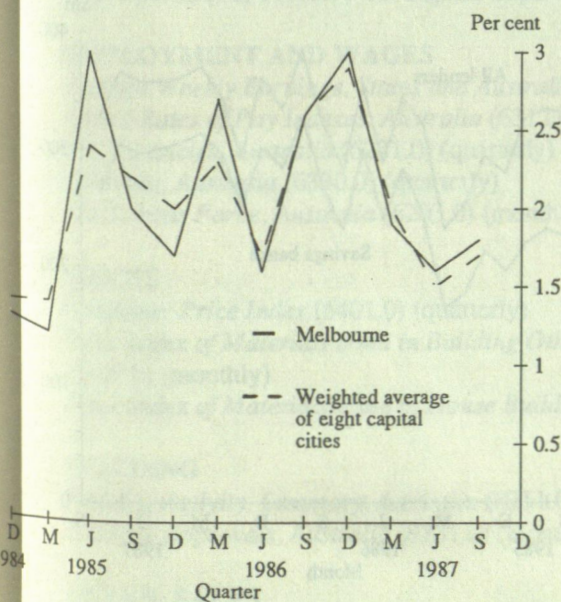


FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA

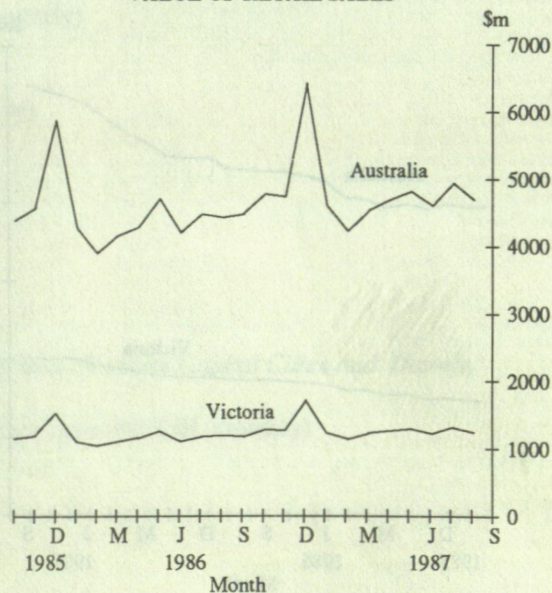
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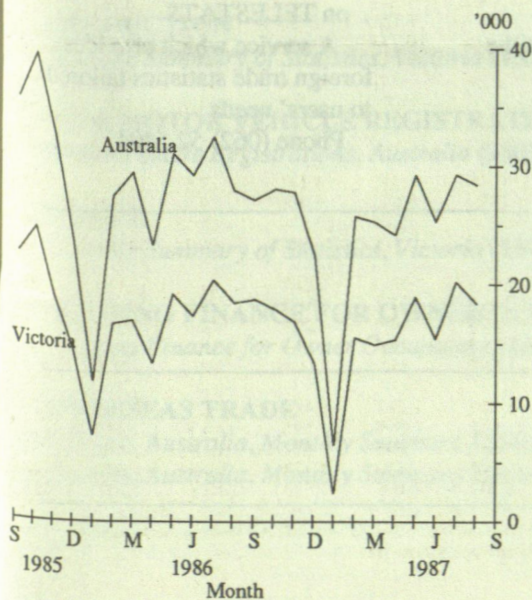
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS Percentage change from previous quarter



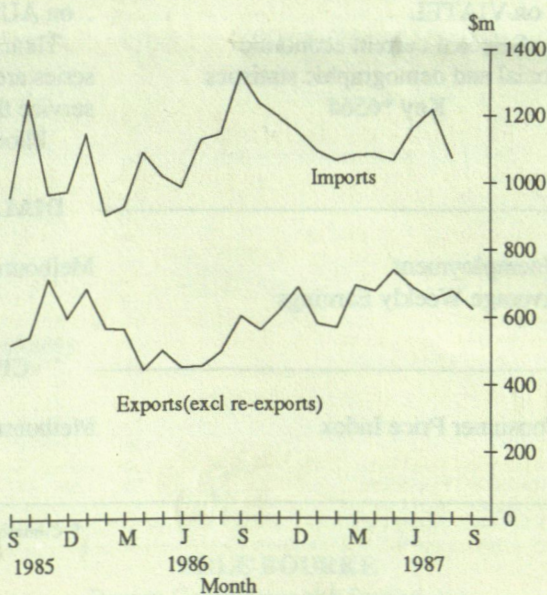
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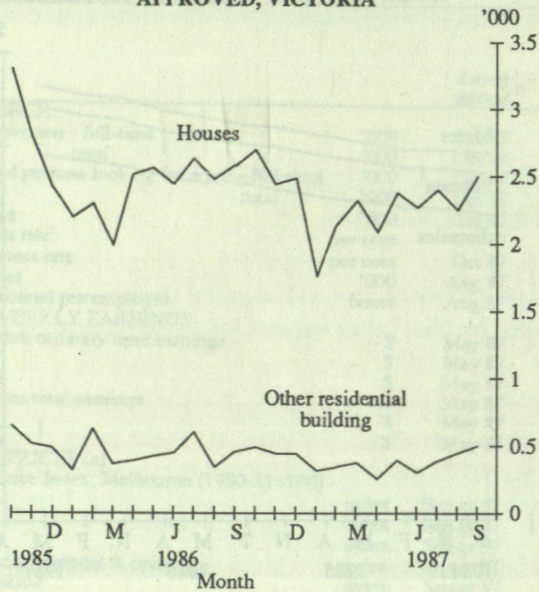
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



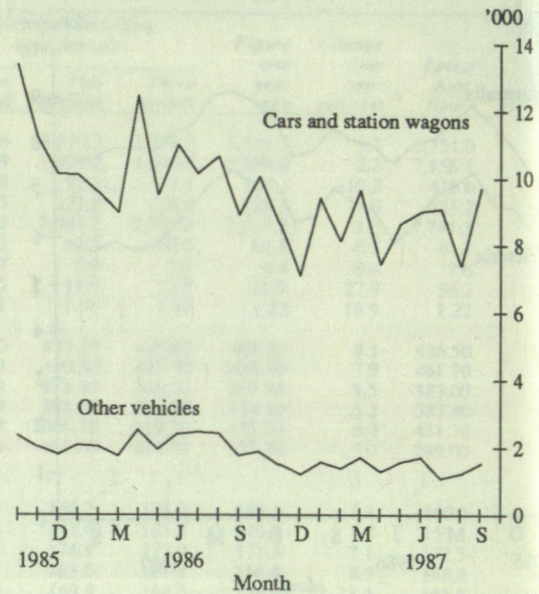
VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



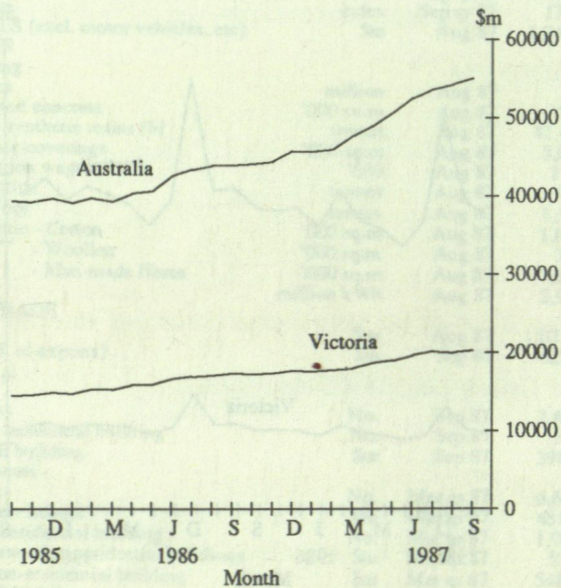
**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS
APPROVED, VICTORIA**



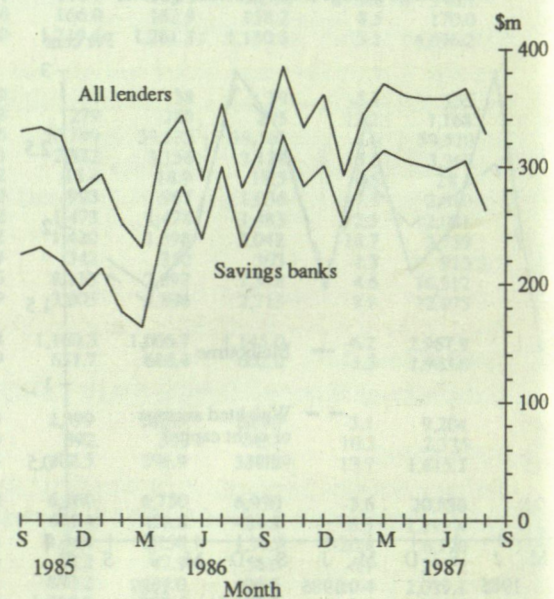
**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA**



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO
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